



## CARE OF THE PIANO.

It Should Not Be Left Open or in a Damp Room.

Try, for the sake of the pianoforte as well as for any musician who may be used to play upon it, to have it tuned at least once in two months. The strings must be kept at their proper tension, and if they are allowed to drop, as it is called, from the proper pitch it is difficult to screw them back and make them stay.

Pianofortes should not be kept open either, for dust is just as injurious as dampness, and, in fact, the air is always an enemy to the great mass of sensitive springs—the nerves of the instrument. It should be placed in a dry room, quite away from possible drafts and not too near a fire. Heat not only tends to warp and crack the case, which, being highly inflammable, is apt to ignite, but any increase or decrease of temperature affects the strings and brings them out of tune, exactly as does excessive dryness or excessive moisture.

An upright pianoforte sounds better if placed about two inches from the wall, and sometimes it is an improvement if it is allowed to rest upon glass blocks. A grand pianoforte should stand with its curved side to the room and its plain side next to the wall. Nothing should be placed on the pianoforte. No musical people ever put vases or ornaments and books upon this shrine of music, for they rattle, absorb the sound, deaden the tone, and worry the performer. The case and keyboard should be kept free from dust. To make the polish shine rub the wood with a soft and old silk handkerchief, and to clean a pianoforte use warm water, soap and a flannel rag. Wet the latter, rub it on the soap, and apply to the pianoforte, a small portion of the surface at a time. Wet a second piece of flannel and wipe off the soap thoroughly, and with a piece of chamois skin rub the place perfectly dry. Wipe the keys off with a damp cloth, followed quickly with a dry one, and, if the ivory has become yellowed from age or usage this may be whitened by a good rubbing with fine sandpaper or moist powdered pumice stone.—Chicago Inter Ocean.

## TABLE DECORATION.

Not as Elaborate Now as It Was a Few Seasons Ago.

There is a slight reactionary effect against overloading the dinner and luncheon tables with decorations. On grand occasions it is more usual to set the table dressed with a white cloth of finest damask on which the floral decorations rest. This gives opportunity for individuality in the arrangement of the flowers about the table, and the prettiest effects ever made in table decorations are done by the means of a tasteful arrangement of ferns and flowers on the cloth.

Embroidered center-pieces are by no means discarded and form just as necessary a part of a housekeeper's outfit as they have ever done, but the inclination is to limit them to everyday use. When the dinner table is set for the family dinner, flowers are not usually



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present in profusion. An embroidered center cloth, either round or rectangular, will take their place in a large measure if a small jardiniere or vase of flowers stands upon it.

The inclination of the moment in embroidery is toward conventional designs rather than floral, and in accordance with this we give a sketch which suggests the use of figures of Delftware and which must be executed entirely in shades of blue and white. It is to be deplored that those who order such matters should have decreed the withdrawal of floral designs, for they have just reached a state of such exquisite perfection as to rival painted flowers in their capacity for delighting the eye.—Illustrated American.

**Hints for Necktie Wearers.**  
The people who wear neckties—and who does not?—will be pleased with a little arrangement to keep them from riding up to the top of their collars. This consists of a tiny wire hook, much like a dress hook, with the addition of several little teeth projecting outwardly in the opposite direction from the hook side at the other ends and bending backward a little. This little article is put on with the hook hooking under the linen collar, leaving the little teeth to fasten themselves down outwardly into the necktie. This keeps the necktie and lower edge of the collar on a line.

**Pleasant Hair Dressing.**  
A pleasant and simple dressing for the hair which is said to be a sure cure for dandruff is made by dissolving a piece of gum camphor about the size of a chestnut in one pint of alcohol, perfuming the mixture according to taste. The scalp should be thoroughly dampened with this every day, and it will stimulate the scalp and promote the growth of the hair.

**Rejoice for Ladies.**  
Among the presents recently given a Boston bride was a bicycle. There must be something in de siècle even in weddings.

## CRUISING ON A WHALE.

How an Old Sailor Man Explored the Arctic Regions.

People do not have to be of any particular age to appreciate W. J. Henderson's "Sea Yarns for Boys." Take, for instance, the Old Sailor's straightforward, honest account of his cruise to the Arctic regions on the back of a whale. After describing exactly how he came to harpoon the animal and to be towed off at the end of the harpoon line, and how he climbed on the whale's back after it was dead, and rigged a sail with himself for a mast, he proceeds:

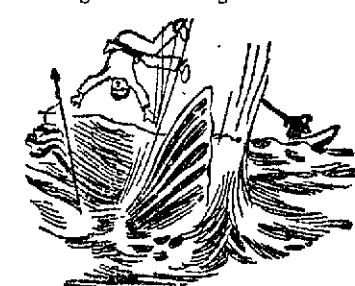
"I bent my sail on to the harpoon, and then I made a parrel round my neck, by means of which I slung my yard. I made the sheets fast to my feet, and I was ready to get under way. How did I steer? Why, I just rigged lines on to his tail and pulled his tail for a rudder."

"Waal, I carelated I were makin' about two knots an hour, and were considerable worried about the wind holdin', or whether I'd git ashore afore I starved to death. Howsumever, to make the story short, I sailed all night, and as soon as daylight come I sees land dead ahead, about four miles away."

"Now, I wished I knowed how much water that whale drawed, so's I could tell what kind of harbor to make fur. I looked mighty close at the land which I were approachin', but I couldn't see no inlet. But putty soon I did see somethin' wot pleased me a heap more, and that were an Esquimaux a-comin' off in his dak. He'd seed me a-comin', and was bound to find out wot kind of craft I were. He pulled up about 60 yards away and axed me wot I were. I told him as quick as I could, and says to him, says I, to please take me off."

"Waal, young gentlemen, before he could make a stroke, I felt a sudden earthquake under me. The whale give a great big shiver, humped his back, threw up his flukes, sent me a-flyin' into the air, and disappeared."

"Luckily for me, I'd already taken off my harpoon yard, so, arter sinkin' pretty deep, I came up agin, and the Esquimaux, who had made a good guess, were right there and grabbed me. He



THOUGHT THE WHALE WAS DEAD.

pulled me into his boat, where I sat puffishly dumb fur a few minutes. When I looked up the Esquimaux were a-laffin' at me. 'Putty good joke, I s'pose,' says I, 'but I don't see it.' 'Why,' says he, 'you ort to be satisfied. That whale saved your life.' I says to him, says I, 'That's all werry well, but that whale were dead, and hadn't no business to come to life agin like that.' 'Dead? Nonsense!' says the Esquimaux, paddlin' me toward the land. 'He were asleep.' 'Asleep?' says I, 'with a harpoon in him?'

"Yes," says he to me, says he, 'laffin' still more; 'you hit him on the funny bone with it when you struck him, and jest put him to sleep arter the first shock were over. It always does. We Esquimaux often harpoon whales on the funny bone just fur the fun o' the thing.'"

The Old Sailor looked gravely around the horizon for a moment, and then concluded thus:

"I got home agin all right in the course of time, or I wouldn't be here; but I ain't never believed that that Esquimaux told the truth."

## SOUNDED THE ALARM.

How a Pet Cow Saved a Barn from Being Burned.

This story of how a little girl came to have a cow for a pet is amusingly told in Our Animal Friends:

One day Ada Sands' father came in and handed a letter to his wife, who read as follows:

"Mister Sands: I tak this opportunity to say I hev a fine jersey calf an' wood like to sell it. I herd yu wanted to bi one so I thot I wood let yu no, please let me no at once. Yors tru servant, "GILAS REED."

Ada had a hobby for all kinds of pets, and the thought of a gentle calf made her go into ecstasy.

"Oh, papa, please buy it!" she begged. "If it is brown I already know a name for it. You know I said the next pet I had I wood call Brownie."

"Wait, my dear; we haven't any place to keep it."

"Oh, yes, in Prince's stable. Now do, papa," coaxed the little girl. So that is the way Brownie became a pet.

Brownie learned to love Ada and was never happier than when they were roaming over the fields together. Brownie would nibble the grass and Ada would make chains of daisies, to be torn up as soon as finished. Brownie became Ada's favorite of all her many pets.

One sultry night in August the family were awakened by Brownie's weird lowing. Jumping into his clothes, Mr. Sands ran down to the stable, and to his utmost surprise and great alarm found a pile of straw burning furiously.

After a fierce fight the fire was extinguished, and of course Brownie was awarded great praises. Notwithstanding all possible coaxing, she would not be persuaded to enter the stable again. Mr. Sands finally had a new one erected for her.

What Little Mary Said.

During a call that little four-year-old Mary was making with her mother a slice of cake was given her. "Now, what are you going to say to the lady?" asked the mother. "Is you dot any more?" said little Mary, demurely.—Chicago Record.

## BACKACHE.

A Very Significant Indication of Organic Derangement.

The back, "the mainspring of woman's organism," quickly calls attention to trouble by aching. It tells with other symptoms, such as nervousness, head-

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"I have taken one-half dozen bottles of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, and it has relieved me from all pain. I cannot tell you the agony I endured for years, pains in my back (Oh, the backache was dreadful!) and bearing-down pains in the abdomen extending down into my limbs; headache and nausea, and very painful menstruations. I had grown very thin, a mere shadow of my former self. Now I am without a single pain and am gaining in flesh rapidly."—MARRIE GLANN, 1861 Dudley St., Cincinnati.

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The Wabash line, the original Grand Army line, is in better shape this year to accommodate the old comrades and their friends than ever. Having its own rails into Buffalo it is not dependent on other lines for anything. From Decatur the noon train (11:30 a. m.) arriving at Buffalo in the morning carries through chair cars. The night train (11:30 p. m.) carries through sleepers arriving at Buffalo 4:15 p. m. All trains stop at Niagara Falls ten minutes. This regular service every day in the year. During the encampment many special trains will be run. All Wabash tickets permit stopovers at Niagara Falls. Call at the ticket office and get a folder of Buffalo and Niagara Falls.

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To Mackinac Island on Wednesday, August 25 via I. D. & W., O. H. & D. and steamer. Rate from Decatur will be \$7 for the round trip. Tickets good 12 days to return. Take advantage of this low rate and visit the greatest resort on the lakes. For tickets and full information call at I. D. & W. ticket office—17-3106

Take a Swim.

The Nat. at Riverside is now open every day and evening. It is the finest place in the city to spend an hour.

The water is always fresh, clean and warm.

Do not fail to take it in.

Otto Weaver, a competent instructor always present.—8-66

Chicago and return only \$2 via I. C. R. R. Saturday and Sunday, August 21 and 22. Tickets on sale at city office and depot—13-686

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On Saturday and Sunday, August 21 and 22, the I. C. R. R. will run another popular \$2 excursion to Chicago. Trains leave Decatur 7:10 a. m. and 11:52 a. m. Saturday and 1:38 a. m. Sunday. Good leaving Chicago until 9:10 p. m. Sunday night.—13-686

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22.00 Hurd.....	" " 16.50
16.00 Hurd, with water cooler.....	" " 11.25
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The sale includes all Imported Silks and Dress Goods, Millinery, White Goods, Ribbons, Laces, Velvets, Hosiery, Notions and Small Wares.

Don't miss this chance. Remember, Saturday Morning, Aug. 21st.

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## GRANDMA'S GLASSES.

Grandma is puzzled. The dear old face is seeking her glasses in every place. The fluttering hands reach here and there. For the glasses the brown eyes always wear.

Bennie and Joe sit nimbly around To seek where those spectacles may be found. Grandma is saying, in tones of fear: "It was reading—and laid them down right here!"

Mischievous Fred, now reading a book, Looks lazily on from his cozy nook. And watches the solemn hunt with glee, While all wonder where those glasses can be!

They scour every shelf, and scan each chair Through the hall, the kitchen and every where.

They say: "Oh, dear mother!" and "I'll be bound! Those glasses, where are they? They can't be found!"

"It looks to me," says mischievous Fred, "As though grandma has eyes on the top of her head!"

"Sure enough!" they laugh, and plainly there They behold those glasses in grandma's hair!

She takes them down with a smiling face, And soon they are put in their proper place.

Then the children laugh and dance away— And the scene is repeated—perhaps, the next day!

—Ohio Farmer.

## BRAVER THAN A ROMAN.

One of the Most Courageous Deeds Recorded in History.

It is told of a Roman sailor that in trying to climb from a small boat into a ship he and his companions were struggling to board and capture, he was clinging to the ship with his right hand, when it was cut off. He caught hold again with his left, and that was cut off, but not until he had driven his head up to the deck of the boat, and with both hands gone, he still clung on with his chin and elbows, and it was not till his head was struck off that he fell back into the water. That was old Roman fighting with a vengeance, but in the annals of our own navy there is a true story of still greater pluck, for our hero used his head, and saved others in the midst of his own awful suffering.

Lieut. Edward Smith in 1826 was in command of a schooner called the Mag-



THE STOIC HERO MADE NO OUTCRY, pie, and it was wrecked in waters full of sharks, and the lieutenant and six of his men escaped drowning by clinging to a capsized boat. The lieutenant was the youngest of them all, except a named Wilson, but he was also the eldest and cleverest, as he was also the officer ought to be. He ordered the men to get off the boat and endeavor to right it. They obeyed, all the time they were in the water waving and kicking to scare off the sharks they could see swimming about. Lieut. Smith then ordered two of the men into the boat to bail, while the rest clung to her side. With so much water in her she could not bear up more than two men. Soon, though, so much water was bailed out that he ordered two more men into the boat, and the bailing was going on fast when one of the two beside himself who were still in the water was seized by a shark, and with one cry sank. This so frightened the men that, horrible to tell, they once more conveyed the boat.

The young commander remained calm, ordered all hands to again right the boat, and when that was done put two men in it again to bail. As they got to work a shark, with one bite, took off one of Lieut. Smith's legs, and he, the more than stoic hero, made no sign, lest fright again cause his men to capsize the boat. They did not know he was hurt. In a moment or two the rest were ordered into the boat, he waiting to enter it last himself. Just as he was ready to ask the men to help him a shark caught his remaining leg. He fell back in the water, but his men saved him, and lifted him into the boat to die. With his last breath he told the boy Wilson to report to the admiral that all the men had done their duty.—Chicago Inter Ocean.

## WAITED HIS TURN.

And Then He Gave the Doctor Some Cheerful Information.

"Doctor, just an instant, please," exclaimed a caller at the office of a man of physic, as he caught sight of the physician disappearing in his private office.

"I'll see you shortly, sir," was the curt reply.

"But a second is all I want," persisted the caller.

"I'll see you directly, sir," with sternness.

The visitor took a seat in the general reception-room, read the afternoon paper through, looked at the pictures, played with the dog and took a nap. After 30 minutes or more had passed the medicine man came out of his den, and with an air of condescension said to the visitor:

"Well, now, my man, I am at your service. Your turn has come. What can I do for you?"

"Oh, nothing in particular," was the reply. "I just dropped in to tell you that your neighbor's three cows have escaped from the barn, and are having a picnic in your garden and flower beds."—Tit-Bitt.

## HOT WEATHER SUGGESTIONS.

Heat Should Be Shut Out Just as Cold Is Shut Out.

All sorts of advice seem seasonable. If you can't keep cool, keep as cool as you can. Is the common suggestion. It is well to remember that open windows or doors do not necessarily mean a cooler house or store. If the air is warmer out of doors than within, to open the doors and windows raises the temperature within. This is a simple fact, and everybody ought to recognize it, but it is surprising how many think they get cooler and fresher air by letting into their otherwise comfortable rooms the torrid heat which the sun is producing out of doors.

Closed windows and doors keep heat out in summer on the same principle that they keep cold out in winter. During the evening and night open windows may make the house cooler, but during the hot afternoon the less air that gets in from outside the better. It is on this principle that the Arab wears heavy folds of linen about his head on the hot desert plains—to keep out the heat—and that the outing shirt of flannel is cooler than a cotton garment. Keeping out heat in summer is as much an art as keeping out cold in winter. When sweltering on a torrid afternoon do not rush to open windows and doors. That is apt to be jumping from the frying pan into the fire, which is not a cooling process.

The weather is made a scapegoat by many, when really they themselves are largely to blame for their suffering. By vigorous exercise with a fan they get up a bodily heat which the breeze of a fan does not counterbalance. The correct principle is to keep out the heat, not to generate it within, and then try to blow it away. Keeping as quiet as possible, eating sparingly, avoiding large quantities of meats, fats and heat-producing foods, drinking very moderate amounts of alcohol, and, above all, cultivating a philosophical turn of mind which leads to the conclusion that it is a waste of time and energy to revile the temperature, are good hot weather suggestions.—Rome (Ga.) Sentinel.

Circuit-closing thermometers to take the place of thermometers have one end of a U tube left open to receive a close-fitting wire, which projects into the tube until it hits the mercury, which raises and lowers the wire as it expands and contracts to close an electric circuit and give an alarm when the temperature of a room varies beyond a certain number of degrees.

Newsstand—The home of the female gossip.

## SCIENCE AND INVENTION.

## CURIOUS MEMBRANE.

Australian Fish Carries a Photograph Inside Its Body.

There is a large fish found in the rivers of western Australia known as the "Murray cod." This fish—which is delicious for the table—is remarkable for its size, sometimes weighing as much as 150 pounds; but the strangest thing about it is the fact that it carries around a photograph inside its body. At least the natives say that it is a photograph, and certainly it looks like one.

When the Murray cod is cut open, a bladder is seen, extending along the backbone from just behind the gills to the fatty part of the tail. In a 30-pound fish the bladder is about 12 inches long and an inch or more in width. Within this is a film, or thin membrane, through which runs a delicate tracery composed of a multitude of little red lines interlacing like the frost work of a window pane in winter. This film can be peeled off and spread upon a piece of paper or a piece of



PICTURE CARRIED BY THE MURRAY COD.

cloth, to which it readily adheres. It then forms a very pretty picture. Sometimes it looks like a bit of pressed seaweed; sometimes it seems to portray a miniature landscape; but in most cases it presents a surprisingly distinct outline of a single tree—the Australian gum-tree, a species of eucalyptus.

To explain this singular fact the aborigines have an ingenious theory. They say that the picture thus imprinted on the membrane represents the tree which overshadowed the pool where the big fish made its haunt—in short, that it is a real photograph.

Fanciful as the notion seems, it gains a certain plausibility from the known habits of the fish, which is extremely solitary and exclusive in its ways. The Murray cod really does make its home in some forest-shaded pool, to which it always returns after its excursions abroad for food or exercise, leading a curiously hermit-like existence; it will allow no other member of its species to intrude upon its domain. Here the sullen creature spends its life, year in and year out; it never changes its residence. Here it grows from insignificant minnowhood until it becomes a king among fishes, as big and as heavy as a well-developed man; and for the greater part of each day the shadow of its favorite tree falls upon its slimy back. It is little wonder, therefore, that the untutored but imaginative savages, puzzled by the lifelike picture which they find in the bladder, conclude that the familiar scene has been photographed in the creature's very substance.

JOHN B. HOBBS.

## The Effect of Rifle Bullets.

There has been much discussion concerning the size of bullets to be used in battle, some contending that humanitarian feeling dictates that a small bullet be used which would disable an enemy without subjecting him to death or an extreme injury. But recently Dr. Carl Beck, professor of surgery in the New York School of Clinical Surgery made experiments at Gorenson's island, which prove conclusively that a 20-caliber bullet fired from a Krag-Jorgensen rifle produces a ragged wound and badly splintered bone. Death from hemorrhage results from such a wound as the bone points would pierce surrounding blood vessels. So other means must be resorted to if an enemy is to be rendered hors de combat without experiencing serious injury.

## Sugar Good for Athletes.

Alpine climbers, who seldom eat candy at home, are said to appreciate it highly when on their excursions. Guides are fond of it, as a great source of muscular force. Experiments have recently been made in Germany to demonstrate the value of sugar to those who perform hard labor. The Prussian ministry of war is satisfied that muscular work done when natural sugar (cane or beet sugar) was used was superior to that when saccharin formed a part of the diet. The blood is poor in sugar after muscular exertion, but a small quantity eaten gives back the lost energy.

## The Mississippi River.

According to calculations of John Birkenbine, of Philadelphia, the drainage area of the Mississippi river is one and one-fourth millions of square miles, including nearly all of the country from the Alleghenies to the Rockies and from Canada to the Gulf of Mexico. In his communication to the Engineers' club, Mr. Birkenbine estimates that one inch of rain falling evenly over this area would equal 21,780,000,000,000 gallons of water. The average yearly fall in the Mississippi watershed averages from 20 to 43 inches according to locality. The river has an average flow of 664,000 cubic feet per second.

## Drunk and Sober.

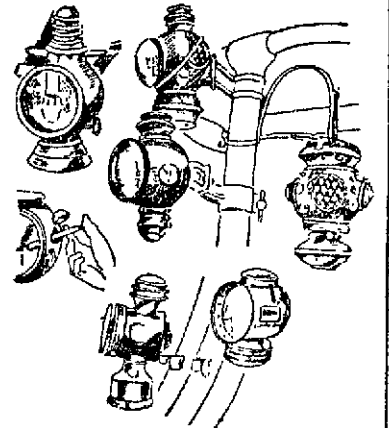
A statistician has compiled a curious table of the expectancy of life, drunk and sober. At the age of 20, drunk 15 years, sober 44 years; at the age of 40 drunk 11, sober 29 years.

## NEW BICYCLE LAMPS.

Many Devices Are Offered to the Public by Ingenious Inventors.

A lamp as you like it and a new kind of bracket to boot are offered to those who ride bicycles. "There will be lights to burn," one wheelman said to another recently. They were looking at all sorts of models which will shed beams along the pavements in '97. Nearly 100 lower lights, all burning, were seen at the cycle show. These included those which have proved faithful in the past and others for which still better things are expected. Of course it does not make much difference what kind of a lamp the wheel possesses, yet novelties are the most earnestly sought after. The pedestrian, however, asks nothing, save that it be trimmed and burning so as to warn the frantic creatures in its path. The "copper" prefers a searchlight.

But the wheelman asks: "What is there new?" It doesn't take him long to find out, for nearly all the dealers are anxious to hustle the latest things into view. A lamp that opens and shuts like a watch will be shown him. This will



BICYCLE LAMPS FOR 1897.

run without being wound up. Kerosene oil will do it, and, by the way, kerosene will be used almost exclusively in the new designs. Riders are told that the wick should be turned low for two or three minutes after it is first lighted, until the flame is regulated.

The sixteen to one lamp will be selected by those who have not found "sound money and prosperity" all they dreamed of. This style has sixteen lenses to one inch and sends little lights shooting out in all directions. It is thought by some that this might be improved upon. "Give us a sort of electrical contrivance," the cyclists say, "and let us tell our troubles to each other along the boulevards." Some flashes might betray the presence of a sparrow cop or tell a man his wife was on his trail.

Larger lenses and reflecting surfaces are seen in all the '97 lamps. Even the wind is fooled by one model. A novelty match gun makes it an easy thing to light the wick in the locomotive headlight. The gun can be likened to a pencil in which the match takes the place of the lead. By means of the gun the match is introduced inside of the lamp before lighting. A gentle pressure of the thumb explodes the lucifer, the wick catches and that is all there is to it.

Any of these lamps may be placed on any corner of the bicycle at any angle by the aid of a bracket.—Chicago Record.

## Bicycle Racing Is Profitable.

It pays to be a speedy bicycle rider. Less than four years ago two Welsh lads, the Linton brothers, worked in a colliery near northern Wales, earning less than 50 cents a day each. One of them was taken up by a shrewd cyclist-trainer and broke all records for a period of two years, at the end of which time he died, leaving a fortune of \$20,000. His younger brother, Tom Linton, is now the greatest long distance rider in the world. He has ridden 21 1/3 miles in a single hour—that is to say, in each of the 360 seconds he traveled over 90 feet of space. This must have been done, of course, with a wheel of abnormally high gear, probably 160. He has been riding only about two years, but his earnings are estimated at \$30,000.

## Changes in Bicycle Costumes.

An old cyclist observes that the style of garments for wheelmen has changed considerably in recent years. "Five years ago," says he, "when a great many ordinary wheels were in use, the riders were content to pin their trousers at the bottom and let it go at that. But gradually the wheelmen have become fastidious. The nobby golf suits were apparently invented for bicycle riding, and then the flowing bloomers that could not bag at the knee were introduced. To-day every rider takes pride in his appearance. No matter how poor he may be, he insists upon saving enough money to buy a golf suit and sweater, and usually gets around to bicycle shoes and golfing. Thus fitted out he is off to the boulevards, where fair damsels admire a wheelman who is properly dressed."

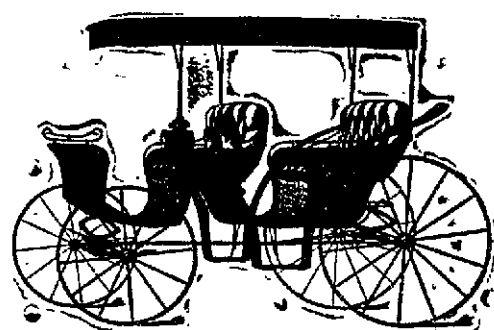
## Look to the Ball Bearings.

One who has had much experience on the road declares that it is one of the most foolish things a bicycle rider can do to use his machine if any of the ball bearings are broken. This occurs frequently and may easily be detected by the hard running of the machine and the grating noise which comes from that part of the machine in which the break occurs. As soon as the break is discovered the best method to pursue is to remove the broken part at once, as if left in it will destroy the cones by wearing a groove in them. It is a simple matter to take the bearings apart and the absence of a ball or two will not materially affect the running of the machine. The balls, when taken out, should be replaced as soon as practicable.

## Make Their Own Wheels.

They make their own bicycles in Japan now and call them jin-ten-cha, which means literally, man-wheel-vehicle.

# Mark down Sale of Vehicles.



We are overstocked on Extra Fine work and will sell strictly A grade surreys, buggies, and phaetons without any regard to original price.

**J. G. STARR & SON,**  
LINCOLN SQUARE.

HORSES and COWS taken in as part payment, at full market prices

## Decatur, Illinois, Trotting Association

Meeting, Aug. 24, 25, 26, 27, 1897

FIRST-CLASS MILE TRACK.

PROGRAM:  
TUESDAY, AUG. 24.

2:35 Class Pace.....\$400.00  
2:40 Class Trot.....500.00  
2:15 Class Pace.....500.00

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 25.

2:28 Class Pace.....\$400.00  
2:18 Class Trot.....500.00  
2:23 Class Pace.....500.00

THURSDAY, AUG. 26.

2:28 Class Trot.....\$400.00  
2:19 Class Pace.....500.00  
Free for all Trot.....500.00

FRIDAY, AUG. 27.

2:23 Class Trot.....\$500.00  
Free for all Pace.....500.00

## BICYCLE RACES.

One-Quarter Mile Open.  
First, \$30 Poco Camera.  
Second, \$10 Gold Mounted Silk Umbrella.  
Third, \$5 Searchlight Lamp.  
One Mile Handicap Open.  
First, \$30 Diamond Ring.  
Second, \$15 Stop Watch.  
Third, \$5 Silk Umbrella.  
Two Mile Handicap.  
First, \$25 Silver Plated Tea Set.  
Second, \$12 Genuine Turkish Robe.  
Third, \$7 Elegant Suit Case.  
Fourth, \$3 Solid Gold Cuff Buttons.  
One Mile Open.  
First, \$35 Diamond Stud.  
Second, \$30 Diamond Ring.  
Third, \$5 Extra Fine Sweater.  
Five Mile Handicap Open.  
First, \$30 Gold Filled Case Watch.  
Second, \$30 Diamond Ring.  
Third, \$5 N. Y. Club Target Rifle.  
Fourth, \$3 Striking Bag.  
Fifth, \$1 Bicycle Watch Chain and Charm.

ENTRIES CLOSE MONDAY, AUG. 16. Records made on that day no bar. Entries preceded by Jacksonville, and followed by Peoria, Terre Haute Clinton and Champaign.

**B. Z. TAYLOR,** President.  
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## Baking Powder

Perfection. Economy.

The only High Grade Baking Powder offered to the public at a moderate price.

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# The Latest Novelty

## The BICYCLE RING...

—IN—

**Solid Gold,  
Sterling Silver Gilt,  
Sterling Silver...**

SEE THEM IN OUR SHOW WINDOW.

**Otto E. Curtis & Bro.,**

Jewelers and Dealers in Fine China.

Our House has been Established Over 20 Years at  
156 EAST MAIN STREET.

## MID-SUMMER CLEARING UP SALE.

We have determined to  
reduce our stock largely,  
and have made prices to  
move the goods.

Hanan & Son's Tan and  
Oxblood Shoes in all styles  
at \$4.00; former price \$5.

Men's Tan and Oxblood  
Shoes, regular \$3.50 and  
\$4.00 grade, at \$2.75.



**FRANK H. COLE SHOE CO.,**  
B. F. BOBO, Manager.

148 EAST MAIN STREET. Sign of the Brass Foot Tracks in Sidewalk

## School Hose!

I have just received my new Hosiery for fall and can  
offer you some good bargains. Try my BOYS'  
LEATHER STOCKINGS—nothing can equal them.  
Can give you good Bicycle Hose for as low as 10c pair.

### Special Advance Offer!

**50c** Suit—HEAVY FLEECE UNDERWEAR. All  
seams are finished—NO RIPPING...

ASK FOR YOUR COUPONS.

**H. C. Anthony**  
DECATUR, ILL.

### Bothered with Roaches or Water Bugs?

Then come in and get a box of  
Mexican Roach Food. We guar-  
antee it to kill all the Roaches  
and Water Bugs in your house.  
Money refunded if it doesn't do it.

**KING'S DRUG STORE,**  
Cor. Main and Water Sts.

### LOCAL NEWS.

Vive Camera, Opera House drug store.  
Trunks, 15 cents. Davis' 10 cent  
delivery, 564 N. Water.

Smoke the Little J., 5-cent cigar, made  
by Jacob Kook.

Irwin's Satisfaction tooth powder  
whitens and preserves the teeth.

For hoarseness and sore throat use Ir-  
win's Bronchial lozengers.

Go to Henry's bakery for all kinds of  
bread, cakes, pies, etc. June 22-df

For cuts and bruises use Irwin's Arnica  
healing salve.

We will give you choice of three trains  
if you go via Wabash to Chicago August  
31 or 33.

The Epworth league cabinet and choir  
of Grace M. E. church, will hold a rally  
at Emery at 7:30 p. m. Sunday evening.

Go to Spencer & Lehman's for wood  
pumps, iron pumps, force pumps, etc.—  
J19d-2mos.

People wanting grapes for jelly can get  
them at G. W. Stoy's Riverside fruit  
farm, P. O. box 248.—af

Sixteen pocketbooks were found this  
week under the sheep and pig pen floors  
in the Champaign fair grounds, having  
been secreted there by pickpockets after  
the valuables had been appropriated.

R. U. Joiner, Allen P. O., Hillsdale Co.,  
Mich., says: "Nothing gave my rheu-  
matism such quick relief as Dr. Thomas'  
Electric Oil." Sold by Bell, the drug-  
gist.

Try Powers' last forever school shoes.  
They are the only kind that will knock  
out tin cans, brickbats and old scrap iron.  
See them in our window. Powers' Shoe  
Store, Temple block.—19-d3w

If you want the best plastering done on  
short notice call up 523, new phone. We  
also have the best cement for sidewalks in  
the city. Decatur Hard Plaster Co.—  
20-d 17

The Wabash run a cheap \$2 excursion  
to Chicago on Saturday and Sunday,  
August 31 and 23, for trains leaving at  
8:45 and 11:45 a. m. of Saturday and 1:05  
of Sunday morning. Do not miss this.  
—13-d8t

Mrs. Anna Herdwick died at 9:30  
o'clock Friday morning, August 20, at  
the family residence, two and a half miles  
west of the city. She was about 80 years  
old and leaves a husband and son, Ben,  
and a daughter, Mrs. Townsend, of Mor-  
ris, Kan. Mrs. Townsend is expected  
Monday and arrangements for the funeral  
will not be made until then.

Thousands of people are subject to  
bowel trouble in some of its various  
forms. Dr. Fowler's Extract of Wild  
Strawberry is an unfailing remedy in  
all such cases. Sold by Bell, the drug-  
gist.

We desire through the medium of your  
paper to express our heartfelt thanks to  
the friends and neighbors who kindly and  
generously came to our assistance during  
the sickness and demise of our beloved  
wife and mother for their many acts of  
kindness and sympathy extended to her in  
life and the many tokens of love after  
death we assure them they were highly  
appreciated. Gratefully, Samuel Diller  
and family.

Cheap Excursion Dayton and Cincinnati.  
The I. D. & W. will sell cheap ex-  
cursion tickets to Cincinnati and Dayton on  
train leaving Decatur at 10:45 of Thurs-  
day, August 26 and trains 11:35 a. m. and  
10:40 p. m. of Friday, August 27. Tick-  
ets \$5 round trip with a limit of ten days.

Fall Term Opens  
At Brown's Business College Wednes-  
day, September 1. Interested persons  
should write for the new handbook, or  
call at the college for full particulars.—  
13-d1w

Seed Wheat.  
Having many calls from our farmer  
friends for seed wheat, we have pur-  
chased several cars of choice wheat for  
seed purposes from southern Michigan.  
This wheat is called the "Pool" wheat  
a long berry variety, and yielded 40  
bushels per acre this year, and coming  
from a good wheat country and being of  
hardy variety we have every reason to  
believe it will prove very satisfactory.

We offer this wheat at \$1.00 per  
bushel, and invite you to call and in-  
spect same.

Shellabarger Mill and Elevator Co.  
aug 18-d8t-wdt

Narrow escape—A fire ladder.

Net proceeds—The fisherman's profit

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Situation at Moweaqua.

Moweaqua, Ill., Aug. 21.—A crisis was  
reached in the coal strike yesterday when  
Superintendent Combs, of the coal com-  
pany, posted the following:

"Notice to Miners—All miners refusing  
to load coal for the local trade from and  
after this date are hereby discharged, and  
notified to remove their tools from the  
mine at once, otherwise the tools will be  
placed on top by company men."

"A. J. Combs, Superintendent."

The miners offered to load for local  
trade provided the company would em-  
ploy only union men, and provided, also,  
the company would agree to forfeit \$100  
for every flat car they load. This propo-  
sition was declined, and Superintendent  
Combs says coal will be hoisted tomorrow  
for local use, and the company will guar-  
antee all men who work the fullest pro-  
tection.

School Opening.

A. J. Wallace has largest stock of sec-  
ond hand school books bought and ex-  
changed. Come early for first choice.  
A. J. Wallace, 551 North Water street—  
30-d2w

Cigars. Cigars.

Havanettes.....100 for \$1.75  
Little Diana.....100 for \$1.50  
5 for .10

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## MINE WORKERS WIN.

Walking and Striking Miners Are  
Discouraged—Some Gone and  
Others Ready to Go Home.

LOOKS LIKE THE FIGHT IS OVER.

More Old Men Resume Work at Both  
Shafts This Morning—Strikers  
Out Making Their Last  
Appeals.

To all appearances, after a week of per-  
suation and figuring on the part of the  
visiting strikers from Springfield and  
other points to get the Decatur miners to  
give up their jobs and quit work just as  
winter is at hand, the mission of the  
strikers has come to naught. They did  
get a few men to listen to them and some  
quit, but now it is known that a num-  
ber of those men have realized that they  
have made a serious mistake, in or-  
der to save themselves have returned  
to work. A number went down yester-  
day morning at both shafts, and more re-  
turned this morning. It is plain that  
instead of gaining ground the strikers  
have been playing a losing game since the  
middle of the week. It is understood  
that many of the campers now here are  
ready to go home. Many have already  
gone, those from Pana and those from  
Lincoln, and there is unrest among the  
Springfield and Riverton men. Besides  
word comes from Springfield that the peo-  
ple are not putting up as generously as  
desired for the relief of the families of the  
striking miners, who are now uneasy as  
to the future. They had expected Spring-  
field people to go on putting up donations  
of cash and food for the families, but  
there has been a sudden stoppage of sup-  
plies at home. The miners thought they  
had it all fixed for a long siege in Deca-  
tur. If Springfield people would take  
care of the families, Decatur would be  
held up to see that the strikers did not  
starve. That would make it dead easy  
for the families and the absent strikers.  
But since Springfield has stopped putting  
up in a satisfactory manner the state of  
affairs is a cause of worry. Contributions  
from Decatur people for the support of  
the large body of idle men at Camp Con-  
ard are not large but they seem to be suffi-  
cient.

The leaders saw yesterday that they  
would have to do something out of the  
usual order if they would keep the men  
much longer in Decatur, and so they ar-  
ranged for a mass meeting to be held  
Sunday afternoon at the Dougherty hall,  
and sent away to Bloomington to get a  
new speaker in the person of a Mr. Len-  
ing. This act is regarded by the people  
who are watching the situation closely as  
an evidence of weakness on the part of the  
leaders. It was supposed that the men  
who came here from Springfield were the  
cream of the orators among the strikers  
and that if they could only get a chance  
to make some speeches the fight would  
soon be over with both Decatur mines  
shut down for an indefinite period. The  
hall was secured and the orators have had  
full swing for a week, and still a large  
majority of the Decatur miners are at  
work, with some of the men who went  
out Saturday and Monday returning to  
their jobs. This is just what has hap-  
pened, and it means, if it means any-  
thing at all, that the strikers have already  
lost the fight, and that they might as well  
go home and not waste any more time in  
this community. Every day the Spring-  
field men stay here they are that much  
further removed from getting their jobs  
back. The Pana and Lincoln men looked  
at the situation that way and they wis-  
ely concluded to pull out. Of course they  
did not have affairs so nicely arranged as  
had the Springfield crowd as to providing  
for their families and getting fodder for  
themselves. But the Lincoln men pub-  
licly announced Monday evening that they  
would not have anything to do with the  
scheme of begging Decatur people to put  
up for them, that they could get all they  
need from home. Pana strikers took the  
same position, but very little came from  
either town for the relief of the camping  
strikers. The different divisions occupied  
different camps. The several leaders were  
somewhat jealous of each other and the  
men would not mix, consequently while  
all were strikers working for what they  
believed to be the right thing, they could  
not agree, especially since the Decatur  
papers and the officers gave all promi-  
sance to the Springfield and Riverton  
leaders. They thought that there were  
other strike leader pebbles on the beach  
besides the Springfield fellows and  
they grew weary of standing around short  
of attention and daily conferences. As a  
matter of fact the Pana and Lincoln dele-  
gations have not cut much of a figure in  
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Both said that the people need not be  
worried about the Decatur miners quit-  
ting—that all would remain at work. "It  
is the 1894 strike over again," said one of  
the miners, "and we are not going to be  
fooled like we were then, for you know  
that while all the Decatur men were out  
that time the Pana miners remained at  
work, and when some of us lost our jobs  
because we quit some of the Pana men  
came here and took our places. They  
can't catch us again. You can bet that  
the new shaft men will stick together to  
the last. We don't care how many meet-  
ings they have. We don't want to hear  
talk. So one of the strikers have asked me  
to quit. I just laugh at them and tell  
them that the best thing they can do is to  
go home and look after their wives and  
children and their jobs. I think this is  
the best advice I can give the fellows.

A grocer told me the other evening that  
the committee had come to him for a do-  
nation to feed the striking strikers. He  
refused to cough up. But he said that if  
they wanted something to go home, on he  
would give as much as anybody else."

The other man said he was not worrying  
about the presence of the strikers. He  
had heard all of the speeches that were  
made at the tabernacle on Sunday. He  
did not consider that any good reasons  
had been advanced why he should quit  
work and consequently he had remained  
at work. He thought the visitors would  
get tired pretty soon and go home.

It is stated by another miner that the  
strikers have had a pretty soft thing  
camping out for the summer without a  
penny of cost to any of them. And while  
they are here doing nothing but consum-  
ing things and trying to make trouble for  
men who have no complaint and want to  
hold on to their jobs, their families have  
been cared for by donations secured at  
Springfield. "Suppose," he added, "that  
all working men quit and went camping  
out that way, how long would the people  
stand it?"

Unrest at Springfield.

All is not serene nor dead certain at  
Springfield. Yesterday morning a num-  
ber of miners who were tired remaining  
idle attempted to return to work at the  
Black Diamond mine. The strikers were  
there in force and headed off the men and  
prevented them from reaching the mine.  
It is evident that there is need of official  
help at the state capital or a greater  
amount of persuasion.

Situation at Moweaqua.

Moweaqua, Ill., Aug. 21.—A crisis was  
reached in the coal strike yesterday when  
Superintendent Combs, of the coal com-  
pany, posted the following:

"Notice to Miners—All miners refusing  
to load coal for the local trade from and  
after this date are hereby discharged, and  
notified to remove their tools from the  
mine at once, otherwise the tools will be  
placed on top by company men."

"A. J. Combs, Superintendent."

The miners offered to load for local  
trade provided the company would em-  
ploy only union men, and provided, also,  
the company would agree to forfeit \$100  
for every flat car they load. This propo-  
sition was declined, and Superintendent  
Combs says coal will be hoisted tomorrow  
for local use, and the company will guar-  
antee all men who work the fullest pro-  
tection.

School Opening.

A. J. Wallace has largest stock of sec-  
ond hand school books bought and ex-  
changed. Come early for first choice.  
A. J. Wallace, 551 North Water street—  
30-d2w

Cigars. Cigars.

Havanettes.....100 for \$1.75  
Little Diana.....100 for \$1.50  
5 for .10

Special prices to the trade. For sale  
at E. Chodas's News House.

## PERSONAL MENTION.

—Dr. Gillmore, and daughter, Grace,  
spent Friday in Harris town.

—Mrs. V. B. Clifton left today for  
Madison, Wis., over the Central route.

—J. K. Love went to Haworth, Ill.,  
last night to visit friends.

—Miss Jessie Spencer left to day for  
Mankata, Minn.

—Frank Willey, who has been visiting  
in the city, has returned to his home in  
Chicago.

—Mrs. Cass Nicholson and Miss Julia  
Nicholson are visiting in Taylorville.

—Miss Belle Wheeler will go to Chicago  
tonight to learn new styles in the fall  
millinery.

—Tyler Meriweather and sister, Miss  
Notie Meriweather, left this morning for  
Lancaster, where they will visit friends.

—Milton Johnson and wife are home  
from Mechanicsburg.

—John Robinson will leave this even-  
ing for Chicago.

—Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Bixby went to  
Chicago to-day to visit their son, John  
L. Bixby.

—Will Brown, who has been visiting in  
the city with his father, C. N. Brown, re-  
turned today to his home in Chicago.

—Miss Callie Rich, who has been visit-  
ing friends at Manchester and Whitehall,  
Ill., has returned home.

—Mr. and Mrs. Levi Towl returned  
home today from a visit with friends in  
Lincoln.

—A. Kramer and wife have gone to Bay  
City, Mich., where they will visit with  
friends.

—Sunday evening Rev. W. H. Penhal-  
legon will preach at Westminster  
Chapel.

—Norman Coughlin, clerk at Linn &  
Scruggs' store, will leave to night for  
Buffalo, New York.

—Mrs. William Ainge and children,  
who have been visiting friends at Clar-  
ence, Missouri, will return home this  
evening.